

**SAINTS MARKELLA AND DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

On the Sunday immediately after this month, we go to the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council which gathered in Constantinople during the reign of the holy Patriarch St. Ignace during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitus, who had received imperial support for the iconoclast heresy, which had begun in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.



that falls on or the eleventh of the month, we chant the Service of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which was held in Constantinople in 787 under the leadership of the Patriarch Tarasius and the Empress Irene. The Council was convened to refute the Iconoclast heresy which had received imperial support beginning in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned

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# **Worship Guide**

October 15, 2017

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Tone**

When You descended to the realm of death You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out, O life giving Christ and our God we give glory.

## **For the Holy Fathers in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone**

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You

## **Troparion of St. Markella in the First Tone**

Obedient to the laws of the Lord and to His divine teachings, you kept them blamelessly, O Markella and being frightened of the violence of your father who pursued you. O pure bride of Christ you hid in the mountains where he found you and took your life. Glory to Him who has given you strength, Glory to Him who has crowned you, Glory to Him who works healings through you to everyone.

## **Troparion of St. Demetrios in the Third Tone**

The world found in you a great champion in danger. A victor who could turn the nations back. As you restrained Levi in the arena, you also inspired Nestor to courage. Therefore, Holy Great Martyr Demetrios, entreat Christ God, to grant us great great mercy!

## **Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Tone**

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## **EPISTLE READING**

### **Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15**

*Prokeimenon. Mode 4. The Prayer of Azariah*

*For You are righteous in all You did for us, all  
You brought on us and on Jerusalem, the holy city of our fathers.*

TITUS, MY SON, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **The Gospel According to Luke 8:5-15**

THE LORD SAID this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

## Today In Our Parish

There will be the swearing in of the  
Philoptochos Officers  
after the  
Gospel Reading.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

9AM: Orthros

10AM: Divine Liturgy

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### YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to our Families for a successful Youth Sunday, on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We had excellent participation from parents and kids for the Youth Sunday and enjoyed games, crafts and fellowship together. Thanks again to Matthew & Megan Morgan for coordinating the event.

### GOYA/Jr GOYA Calendar

October 22<sup>nd</sup>: St. Demetrios Luncheon

November 26<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party & Christmas Tree Decoration at Church, 6PM.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: St. Nicholas Festival, After Divine Liturgy

December 8<sup>th</sup>: Hockey Night in Pensacola. We will visit Pensacola Bay Center for Hockey between Pensacola Ice Flyers and Knoxville Ice Bears. 7:05PM



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Father Thomas Away October 16<sup>th</sup>

Father Thomas and Presvytera Kathy will be in Boston Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> until Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

## St. Demetrios Luncheon October 22<sup>nd</sup>

We will be having our annual St. Demetrios Luncheon on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please join us! Plates will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids and children 5 and under are free.

## St. Demetrios Vespers & Orthodoxy 101 together, 6PM, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having our Annual St. Demetrios Vespers at 6PM at the Church on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Orthodoxy 101 is meeting for Vespers, then staying for a discussion on Orthodoxy and Holy Scripture and Tradition. We also will be having a Pot Luck meal. Please Join Us!

## Parish General Assembly, November 19<sup>th</sup>

Friendly reminder of our Fall General Assembly that day. Please join us!



**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Alex & Elena Huckabee**

***Coffee Hour Next Week: St. Demetrios Luncheon***

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***USHERS: Cookie Kostopoulos, Steve Paros, and Jeanette Rosa***

***GREETERS: Gene Bass and Mark Simunovich***

***ALTAR BOYS TEAM: Zacharias Fletcher, Nicolai Kasch,  
Jonathan Morgan, Jet Reaves, Kadin Reaves, Nicholas McBroom***

# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us today for worship. This is information to help make your worship experience more meaningful.

At 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy, which is the main worship service of the Orthodox Church, begins with the words from the priest "Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...".

The beginning of the service may be found on page 1 of the small red book entitled The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. Each Sunday the Epistle, Gospel and certain hymns change to express what is being celebrated that day. This guide has them printed out for you so you may follow along more easily.

We welcome people of all faiths and denominations to worship with us and appreciate your presence. For those who are not Orthodox Christians we ask that you not receive the Holy Communion when it is offered to the congregation. Those visitors who are Orthodox Christians may receive Communion provided you normally receive at your home parish and have not been restricted in any way. For Orthodox Christians, when in doubt whether to receive or not, please ask Fr. Thomas in advance and he will be happy to advise you.

For those of you visiting an Orthodox Christian Church for the first time, we pray that you have a very meaningful worship experience.

Orthodox worship reaches all five senses. Through sight with the icons, church architecture and the movement of worship; through smell with the use of incense; through sound through the beauty of the Church music; through taste with the receiving of Holy Communion; and through touch with lighting of candles, crossing oneself, and the veneration of icons.

You will find that the Orthodox place a great emphasis on reverence in worship. Our reverence is serious, but also very joyful as well.

Please ask one of the attendants in the Narthex (the back of the church) if you have any questions. May God continue to bless and keep all of us.

## **PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES**

Please bring names of your loved ones, both living and deceased, so the priest may pray for them. We pray for all people. With Divine Liturgy, the names of the Orthodox are commemorated during the Proskomidi (the Preparation of the Gifts) and during Liturgy.

Erica Ailes	Steve Stephanopoulos	Julie Mamani
Dorothy Eshelman	Mary Ann Carr	Dana Visoiu
Ariel McBroom	Nancy Janos	Fr. George Dursa
Katia Antonis	Stanojka Stevanovic	Angela McBroom
Zachary Fletcher	Vonni Cobb	Badra Walters
Nicholas McBroom	Mary Spiridoula Kalista	Fr. Thomas Newlin
Marina Newlin	David Stewart	Litsa Carrion
Chryssoula Henderson	Angela Walters Comfort	Angela Hlavity
Butch Otis	Philip Kanellopoulos	Edward Scruggs & Family
The Boltz Family	Janet Sutherland	Constantine Sneider
Jim Hobson	Max Copeland	Janice Parton
Tina Puffer	Sheree Kanellopoulos	Jamie Douglas
Lark Tringas Bostick	Sue and John Tullis	Gene & Alexis Bass
Jake Hoskin	Tsao Chien Din	Col. Philip Trexler
Xaire Sheikho	Carl Kruljac	
Kathy Bowdoin & Family	Lou Vagias, Sr.	All service men and women who
Cleopatra Hughes & Family	Mike & Debra Donagan	are deployed overseas

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**The Following Individuals/Families Have Submitted a Pledge Card for 2017:**

Gene and Thea Bass	Georgia Jensen
Andrew and Toni Nicolopoulos	Lou Vagias, Sr
Kathryn Bastian	Frederick and Panagiota Johnson
Joe and Despina O'Neil	Panagis and Irene Vallianatos
Stella Benaquis	Craig and Mariya Kasch
Nicholas and Tanya Papadopoulos	Vaselike Betty Vallianatos
Vonni Cobb	Cookie Kostopoulos
Samuel and Nora Pappas	Nick and Candace Vlahos
Barbara Denamur	Helen Kuritz
Edward and Michelle Parimuha	John Walker
Sophia Dudek	Colin and Lydia LaFavor
Steve and Veta Paros	Harold and Joyce Walter
Trina Fallon	Angela and Andrew McBroom
Anastas and Betsy Pazevic	Mary Walters
Laszlo and Ionela Feczko	Rodney and Jamilah Williams
Dale and Molly Perkins	Mike and Susan Horner
Scott and Lynne Fehrenbach	Lou and Maria McCloud
Magdi and Hoda Rizk	George and Nina Michas
Keith and Rebecca Fletcher	Dr. Elizabeth Michas
Jeannette Rosa	George Karov
Alan and Mary Gardner	John and Connie Morgan
Laith and Safaa Sahawneh	Harold and Anita Diamond
Lena Giannios	Katy Kruljac
Joann Yanora-Salazar	Joseph Abbate
Terri Grammas	Charles & Margaret Abbate
Mark and Iris Simunovich	Anthony & Miriam Aldehneh
Tom and Janice Hewlett	Kathleen Reed
Michael and Alexandra Sneider	Garry & Patty Overholt
Linda and Nick Holoviak	Paul & Candace Lamitina
Angelos and Katrina Thomas	Betty Jo Billups
Cleopatra Hughes	Eugenia Ursu
Karl and Sandy Trammell	Veronica & Ruslan Josan
	Tim & Vicki Boolos
	Oana Cazacu
	Malpa Fuller
	Alan & Mary Gardner
	Jason Harris

***“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”***

***(Joshua 24:15)***